

Why won't Labour say spending works when the evidence s.

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I won't paraphrase all Polly Toynbee [had to say in the Guardian this morning](#). She can say it all too well herself, But the message is an important one:

Labour's spending worked. Why don't they defend it?

That's true. Labour made many mistakes. All governments and all people do so let's not be silly about that. But, overall Labour got a great deal right [as this report, on which Polly bases her comments, reveals](#):

This is rigorous, academic stuff. And as they point out:

[Until 2007] national debt levels were lower than when Labour took office.

And (as Polly notes):

90% of social housing was brought up to "decent homes" standard, rescuing estates from chronic disrepair. The gap in infant mortality rates between manual workers and the whole population closed by 10%. Education results improved markedly, with the gap in GCSE results between social classes beginning to narrow.

There were real achievements - and debt was lower until 2007 than it had been under the Tories. It was a global bank collapse starting in the US that brought the economy down, not Labour.

So why won't Labour say that?